

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No.: 10/042,154
Atty Docket No.: Q62628

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16, with the following
rewritten paragraph:**

In the stirrer having the above structure, when the turbine 4 is rotated at high speed via a turbine shaft 6, the raw material mixed solution 2 of the aluminum salt is stirred within the shield cylinder 5 while being given a shearing force. The solution ascends in the form of a convection current from an upper opening of the shield cylinder 5, forms a downward convection current 9 along the inside peripheral wall of the stirrer vessel in the presence of a commutation plate 3 8 provided in the vicinity of a liquid level 3, ascends toward a lower opening of the shield cylinder 5 at the lower side of the stirrer vessel, again undergoes high-shear stirring within the shield cylinder 5, and is circulated by convection within the stirrer vessel 1. As a result, a sol product is obtained.